



NEWS FROM THE PARISHES OF ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY AND ST CATHERINE'S, HOYLAKE

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 26th April 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter (John 10: 1-10)

Day of special prayer throughout the world for vocations

WEEK COMMENCING 26 th April			Church	Intentions
Saturday 25 th April	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Mary Shannon (RIP)
Sunday 26 th April	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Betty Blackburn
Sunday 26 th April	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 27 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Tuesday 28 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Elizabeth (Lil) Walsh
Wednesday 29 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	PW Intention
Thursday 30 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Michael McCarthy
Friday 1 st May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Ursula Reynolds (sick)
Saturday 2 nd May	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Pat Madden (RIP)
Sunday 3 rd May	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Kathleen Bennett
Sunday 3 rd May	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Frances Bartley, Jennifer Bullen, Peter Cunningham, Martha Deehan, Pat Madden and Barbara Sinclair.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Colin Aspey, Michael Baker, Mary Burns, Jack Butler, Elizabeth Campbell, Pauline Hall, Ursula Lambert, Josephine Lyons, Marie Mann, Veronica McLarney, John Percy, Marianne Ryan and Anton Wills-Eve.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur this month and their families including Vera Hawthorne, Ed O'Neill, Ray O'Neill, Sheila Pugh, Jack Turner and Sheila Wright.

WE WELCOME Benjamin, Rosie, Eliza and Alice to our parish community at St Catherine's.



ADORATION at St Catherine's is every Wednesday at 7pm.

ADORATION with the Rosary at St Agnes is every Monday at 7pm. **SCRIPTURE GROUP** at St Agnes is every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

RETREAT DAY AT ST JOSEPH'S, UPTON: Come to St Joseph's on Saturday 2nd May for a day of reflection on the role and example of St Joseph in our spiritual lives. The day begins at 9.45am with Morning Prayer, followed by two talks given by Mrs Jane Deegan, Diocesan Director for Marriage and Family Life, and Fr Joseph Fawcett-Wood. There will be Mass, Adoration, Confession, and the Rosary. The day will conclude with the crowning of Our Lady at about 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee provided. All welcome.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE MASS 2026 will take place on Saturday 13th June, 12 noon at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary in 2026 or were married within the last year you can apply for an invitation from the Bishop. Please send your details to the parish office including names, address and which anniversary you are celebrating.

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CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: "So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored." If you would like to donate in any way, please visit: cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan

PRAY IN MAY WITH MARY'S MEALS: Mary's Meals – named after Mary, the mother of Jesus – is a mission built on a foundation of prayer. Today more than three million precious children will receive life-changing school meals in 16 of the world's poorest communities thanks to the prayers and generosity of their supporters and volunteers. During the month of May, as we take time to honour and celebrate Our Lady in a special way, please join in praying for the hungry children who rely on their life-changing school meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty. Visit www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay to access their prayer resources.

RIVERWAY CHURCH, WEST KIRBY is hosting a series of free practical Christian themed workshops on relaxation and rest. Sessions on Friday 15th May, Friday 10th June and Friday 10th July 11am-12noon. Registration at 10.50am. If you would like to lie down for the session, please bring a blanket or sleeping bag. For further information, please see riverway.org.uk or call 07708 115977.

PENTECOST TWO CATHEDRALS MARCH, LIVERPOOL: Sunday 24th May at 3pm starting at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. 'Many voices, One faith.' All welcome!

CAR PARKING: Please do consider our neighbours and fellow parishioners who have difficulty walking and need to park closer to church to attend Mass.

CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT: Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to www.castleriggmanor.com or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711.

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY: Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com

WIRRAL FOODBANK: tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding and tea. Collection boxes can be found at the back of each church. *"Please continue to pray for the work of Wirral Foodbank as we come into contact with Wirral families who are really struggling at the moment. Changes in liability to pay Council Tax, increases in the cost of petrol for people to get to work and the general cost of living is having a big effect upon the lives of many local people."* Thank you for your support.



Do you have any items for the newsletter? Would you like to receive the newsletter electronically each week? Please email St Catherine's (stcathoylake@gmail.com) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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